

APPENDIX 26—ROAD MANAGEMENT AND CLOSURES IN SENSITIVE HABITAT AREAS

The following identifies criteria for limiting access and roads within the following areas that will be considered for spatial and temporal closure or limited access. This list is not all inclusive, and other criteria may be added on a case-by-case basis when identified.

CRITERIA FOR CLOSURE

- Critical habitats for Threatened and Endangered (T&E) species
- Other high-value habitats associated with T&E, proposed, or candidate species
- Crucial big game winter habitat and range
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wyoming State Sensitive Species
- Raptor concentration areas
- Parturition habitats
- Greater sage-grouse/sharp-tailed grouse winter habitat and leks
- Riparian areas

METHODS OF CLOSURE

Spatial (Area) Closures, Limits to Surface Disturbing Activities

- Restriction of road development
- Roads in crucial winter range
- Roads in parturition areas
- Roads in other sensitive wildlife habitats
- Signing

Temporal (Seasonal) Closures, Limits to Disruptive Activities During Critical Times

- Crucial winter range, generally from November 15–April 30
- Seismic activities
- Remote monitoring of facilities
- Maintenance actions
- Signing

Permanent Closures

- Barriers to access
- Reclamation of roads
- Signing